CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
OCTOBER 18, 2022 - CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

INVOCATION
Franco Castrejon of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints' Spanish Language Congregation gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Councilmember Waterfield led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Patino reconvened the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
Councilmember Cordero, Councilmember Escobedo, Councilmember Soto, Councilmember Waterfield, and Mayor Patino

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Jason Stilwell, City Attorney Thomas Watson, Director of Public Works Brett Fulgoni, Assistant City Manager Andrew Hackleman, Director of Finance Mary Harvey (remote), Library Director Dawn Jackson, Chief Information Officer Jeffrey Marecic, Director of Community Development Chuen Ng, Director of Recreation & Parks Alex Posada, Community Programs Manager Rosie Rojo, Chief of Police Marc Schneider, Director of Utilities Shad Springer, Fire Chief Todd Tuggle, Chief Deputy City Clerk Rhonda White, Business Program Leader Alexandra Valadez, and Confidential Technician I Alejandra Villagrana

1 PROCLAMATIONS

A. Councilmember Soto presented a Proclamation recognizing the day of October 19, 2022, as "Support Your Local Chamber of Commerce Day" in the City of Santa Maria, and encouraging all residents, businesses, and those who do business in the City of Santa Maria to learn more about the Chamber of Commerce and its impact supporting local businesses. Sandra Dickerson, Chamber Board Chairperson; Paul Cook, Chamber Board Chairperson-Elect; and Laurie Tamura, Chamber Board Vice-Chairperson accepted the Proclamation.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Linda Greco, Jill Anderson, Debbie Warren, and Claire Sheehy spoke in favor of the current Animal Services Agreement between the City of Santa Maria and the County of Santa Barbara.

Kevin Cervantes, Lisbeth Tovar, and Mia Montiel spoke in favor of the Social Host Ordinance.

Gary Hall spoke about the first meeting that was held for stakeholders and City staff to enhance the Model Lease Agreement. He also requested that a follow-up meeting occur and that other mobile home parks be included in the discussion.

Rosalie Marquez spoke on behalf of the Filipino Community to announce Filipino American History Month in October. She extended an invitation to the rededication of the Filipino Monument at Coleman Beach in Morro Bay occurring on Saturday, October 22nd, beginning at 11:00 a.m.

City Manager Jason Stilwell mentioned that the Social Host Ordinance referred to during the Public Comment period was on the agenda under Consent Calendar. He mentioned that the City Council created an ad hoc committee that has been working on rent stabilization.

Assistant City Manager Andrew Hackleman gave an update on the Animal Services Agreement explaining that the animal services with the County of Santa Barbara are very costly for the City. The City Council had asked staff to explore alternatives. A Request for Proposals was posted and any proposals that were received were being reviewed.

3 CONSENT CALENDAR
Councilmember Waterfield pulled Item 3I (Santa Police Council Donation) for clarification on what a forensic digital camera would provide for the Police Department.

Chief of Police Schneider stated that the digital camera was cutting-edge technology able to locate body fluids, blood, fingerprints, gunshot residue, and trace evidence. The camera will increase the Crime Lab's efficiency.

Mayor Patino asked to comment on Item 3D (Dark Fiber Service Orders) saying that the City is working diligently toward having internet connectivity at several of its facilities and Chief Information Officer Marecic confirmed the efforts are underway.

Consent Calendar Items 3A-3I were approved as presented, including the adoption of Resolution Nos. 2022-114, 2022-115, 2022-116, and 2022-117, and Ordinance No. 2022-05. The recorded vote appears with each item below.

A. Waive the reading in full of all Ordinances and Resolutions. Ordinances on the Consent Agenda will be adopted by the same vote cast at the first meeting, unless City Council indicates otherwise.

Action: Readings were waived.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. 5-0.

B. Approve the Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of October 4, 2022.

Action: Minutes were approved as submitted.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. 5-0.

C. Adopt a Resolution approving the extension of the City's ability to conduct meetings of the City Council and City Boards, Commissions, and Committees partially or completely remotely by using a combination of in-person/virtual (hybrid) platforms as authorized by Government Code § 54953(e)(1)(A) to promote social distancing, prioritize the Public's Health and Wellbeing under Santa Barbara County Health Officer Orders, and provide flexibility as needed to facilitate continuity of government.

Action: Ability to conduct City meetings in-person/remotely or in a hybrid format was extended.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2022-114. 5-0.

D. Adopt a Resolution approving Dark Fiber Service Orders with Astound Business Solutions for the installation of fiber optic connections from Veteran's Memorial Community Center, Grogan Community Center, and Fire Station 3 to the City's fiber ring using Community Development Block Grant - CV (CDBG-CV) funds.

Action: Dark Fiber Service Orders were approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.

E. Conduct the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2022-05 amending Title 6 of the Santa Maria Municipal Code to add New Chapter 6-15 - Social Host Regulations.

Action: Second reading was conducted and Ordinance No. 2022-05 was adopted.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.

F. Adopt a Resolution declaring a certain parcel of land approximately 11,000 square feet or 0.25 acres of a 3.54-acre property located where the parking garage for Santa Maria Town Center is located in Downtown (Cook Street) (APN: 125-320-009) and owned by the City of Santa Maria as surplus land.

Action: Property located in Downtown (Cook Street - APN 125-320-009) was determined surplus.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.

G. Payment of Warrants. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Warrants were ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.

H. Payment of Payroll. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Directors, as shown on records on file in the Department of Finance, and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Payroll was ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. 5-0.

I. Adopt a Resolution approving a donation of a forensic digital camera system to the Santa Maria Police Department (SMPD) from the Santa Maria Police Council (SMPC).

Action: Donation was accepted.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.

4 REGULAR BUSINESS

A. **REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS CAPITAL PROJECT PROPOSALS.** The City Council reviewed the Capital project proposals for FY 2023-24 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

Public Input
Jason Telander representing VTC Enterprises spoke in support of VTC Enterprises' application to update their sidewalks and accessibility.

Action: Review and prioritize the Capital project proposals for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding and provide the Block Grants Advisory Committee (BGAC) and participating applicants with direction as to the projects that should be given priority for the upcoming funding cycle.

There was consensus of the Council that all of the projects were equally important, with a slight emphasis on support for Good Samaritan Shelter and agencies that assist with housing.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER
City Manager Stilwell reported that the next regular City Council meeting would be November 1, 2022. Items on the agenda would include an update of the Building and Fire Code Amendments to stay current with State Law.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS)
Councilmember Soto had no reportable AB1234 items.

Councilmember Waterfield reported she attended the Central Coast Airfest.

Councilmember Escobedo reported he attended the Code Enforcement Celebration and the Santa Barbara County Veterans' Stand Down.

Councilmember Cordero reported he attended the Code Enforcement Celebration; Chamber of Commerce and Central Coast Truck Center's Breast Cancer Awareness Event; Santa Barbara County Veterans' Stand Down; Central Coast Airfest; and Black & White Ball.

Mayor Patino reported she attended the Minerva Club - Opening Day; the Mayor and City Manager's Meeting; the CTE Center Tour; SBCAG Broadband Ad Hoc Meeting; Allan Hancock's Hispanic Heritage Celebration; Mayor's Teen Council; the Santa Barbara County Veteran's Stand Down; Central Coast Airfest; and Viejitos Car Show.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Patino declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Approved at a regular meeting on November 15, 2022.

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk and ex officio Clerk
of the City Council

ATTEST:

11/28/2022
Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Alice M. Patino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria